

# Wind Working Group

## Manufacturing Interest Sub Group

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- The wind manufacturing interest group, met on Oct. 25, 2006 in conjunction with the SME/Next Energy Tomorrow's Energy Today program:
- <http://www.sme.org/cgi-bin/get-evdoc.pl?&&001646&000007&020348&&SME&>

# Background

- The meeting was developed in cooperation with the Michigan Wind Working Group
- [http://www.michigan.gov/cis/0,1607,7-154-25676\\_25774-75767--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/cis/0,1607,7-154-25676_25774-75767--,00.html),
- through the Manufacturing Interests Sub Group, co-chaired by:
  - John Patten (Western Michigan University) and Dan Radowski (Next Energy)

# Attendance

- There were about 40 people in attendance, representing a broad cross section of individuals, organizations and companies, including or representing: manufacturers, suppliers, professionals, consumers, economic development and government agencies.

# Discussion

- Each attendee briefly introduced themselves and indicated their respective interest in the subject meeting.
- Some items mentioned included: Cost issues for wind turbine manufacturing and wind energy, world wide market (potential) for wind turbines and wind energy, state (Michigan) and national (federal government) Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS).

# Nordic Wind Power

- Mr. Steve Taber of Nordic Wind Power provided a presentation (see attached) of his companies needs and interest in setting up a manufacturing operation, and opportunities for a strategic partner.
- Steve discussed market opportunities, business position and growth, and Nordic's wind turbine technology.

# Other presentations

- Also please see the following presentation, from the Tuesday Oct. 24 session "What does it take to be a supplier in the growing alternative energy industry?" by
  - George Sterzinger, Executive Director, RenewableEnergy Policy Project, Washington, DC
- <http://www.nextenergy.org/ppt/tetpresentations/georgesterzinger.ppt>



# Documents

- Attached are documents from our meeting, including
  - the Nordic Wind Power's executive summary and presentation, and
  - the article from Crain's Detroit Business on the meeting.
- Also attached is a listing of the attendees of the meeting, along with their contact information.



# Contact

- If you have any questions or comments, please contact Dr. John Patten
  - [john.patten@wmich.edu](mailto:john.patten@wmich.edu) or (269) 276-3246.
- I will send out an announcement when we plan and schedule our next meeting, which will probably be during the winter or spring of 2007.